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SUBJECT:NAVY DEPARTMENT'S NAVAL OCEAN SURVEILLANCE
INFORMATION CENTER -- VISIT OF MR. RAY OLSZEWSKI

1. MR. RAY OLSZEWSKI, HEAD OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC MERCHANT
SHIPPING SECTION, NAVAL OCEAN SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION
CENTER (NOSIC), DEPARTMENT OF NAVY, ATTENDED THE
CURRENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTING PROCEDURES WORKING GROUP
CONFERENCE AT CINCHAN HDQTS MAY 23-25. MR. OLSZEWSKI
PRESENTED TWO BRIEFINGS: (1) THE SOVIET MERCHANT
THREAT, WHICH ADDRESSES THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOVIET
MERCHANT FLEET; AND (2) THE NOSIC'S ROLE AND THE PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED IN PROCESSING AND REPORTING MERCHANT SHIPPING
MOVEMENT INFO. NOSIC HOPES OLSZEWSKI'S PARTICIPATION
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WILL ENABLE IT:

-- TO OBTAIN FORMATTED REPORTS, WHICH ARE ELECTRICALLY
TRANSMITTED, ON ALL FLAG MERCHANT SHIPS ARRIVING AND
DEPARTING FROM THE PORTS OF VARIOUS NATO COUNTRIES, AND
ON ALL SIGHTINGS MADE BY NATO NAVIES OF MERCHANT AND
FISHING SHIPS AT SEA.

-- TO HELP DEVELOP A REGULAR PEACETIME REPORTING SYSTEM
SIMILAR TO THE US FLAG MERCHANT VESSEL LOCATOR FILING

SYSTEM (USMER), IN ORDER TO HELP IMPROVE THE OVERALL
EFFECTIVENESS OF MOBILIZATION INVOLVING NATO SHIPPING
IN EVENT OF WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY. THE USG PROPOSED
A SIMILAR SYSTEM LAST MONTH AT THE NATO SHIPPING
WORKING GROUP MEETING.

2. OLSZEWSKI WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THESE
BRIEFINGS TO IMS INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AT SHAPE HDQTS. IN ADDITION,
HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH NATO CEP
DIRECTORATE.

3. NOSIC MAINTAINS THE ONLY US -- AND AS FAR AS CAN BE
DETERMINED THE ONLY ALLIED -- ALL-SOURCE MERCHANT AND
FISHING MOVEMENT DATA BASE. THIS DATA BASE, TERMED
"SEA WATCH", IS EQUIPPED TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS TYPES
OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THESE MOVEMENTS, AND HAS THE
POTENTIAL OF IMPROVING THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF
NATO CONTROL OF SHIPPING.

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MAY 22 DEPART DULLES (PANAM FLT 106)

MAY 23 ARRIVE LONDON (STAYING AT HENRY VIII HOTEL)

MAY 24-25 ATTEND WORKING GROUP, CINCHAN HQ

MAY 26- US NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING HDQTS,
JUNE 9 CINCUSNAVEUR

JUNE 12-15 BRUSSELS

JUNE 16-17 RETURN TO WASHINGTON

5. OLSZEWSKI IS CLEARED FOR COSMIC TOP SECRET.

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